

THE MESSENGER

DISTRICT 11 NEWSLETTER

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. *Copyright © The A.A. Grapevine, Inc*



Area 24 2023 Fall Conference

Host Committee Needs Volunteers

Planning is underway for the 2023 Area 24 Fall Conference to be hosted by District 11. The Host Committee needs a **Program Chair**, to help with planning and arrangements for the various events.

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The A.A. Group

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Also, an **AA Displays Coordinator** is needed to work in conjunction with other Chairs, to help coordinate the Area Service Position Displays at the 3 day event.

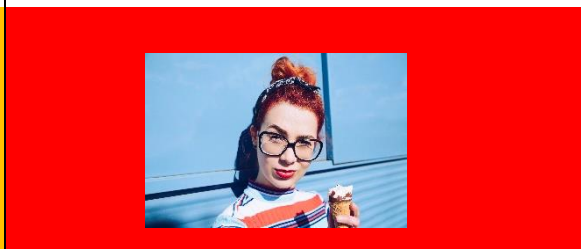
If you are interested in helping out, please contact Erin L., Host Committee Chair, at (563) 543-0946.

The next 2023 Area 24 Fall Conference Host Committee Planning meeting will be held at the Dubuque Best Western Hotel and Convention Center, 3100 Dodge St, Jan 9th, 5:30 pm

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From our Dubuque Area Intergroup Chairperson, Gail G

I have been a part of Area 24, District 11 Intergroup for almost 10 years. When I was new in AA my sponsor and I would man the phones in the evening and do step work together. My experience was that Intergroup supported the groups and meetings in District 11. We went from a phone number in the phone book to an internet web site that can be accessed at dubuqueaa.org Inquires to the phone line and internet are answered by AA members. The web site has a meeting list for the district and other announcement flyers.

The District 11 Intergroup is supported by the district meetings and groups. We are also self-supporting by annually hosting three picnics and a gathering celebrating our long timers. We also provide literature & pamphlets.

Our space can be utilized for group meetings (the space is small).

My sponsor has had me in service from the very beginning of my AA journey. I attended meetings as an intergroup representative where I learned what Intergroup did for the district. I was treasurer, co-chair & have served as chair for the last 4 years. I will continue to support Intergroup and work with the team to support the district.

My experience has taught me so very much. Our traditions must be kept when decisions are being made. That the group conscious is the ultimate authority. Giving room for the minority opinion is essential in forming this group conscious.

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We are people who would normally not mix, but there exists among us a fellowship and a friendliness that is indescribably wonderful. This is an experience you should not miss.

If you're not in service, get in in service. If you are in service, we will see you on the firing lines. **Gail G, Dubuque Area Intergroup Chair**



From the Archivist, Jeff M

Women A.A. Pioneers of District 11

It is unclear if there were any women A.A. members in Dubuque during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. We do know of a handful of female A.A. members in Dubuque from as early as the 1970s.

One woman was Marjorie S. (1909–1994). The Fautsch In-Patient Treatment Center opened at Mercy Hospital in

August 1972. Marjorie soon became an A.A. volunteer there. Financially she was well off and was known for driving patients to meetings in her Buick Riviera. She resided in the fashionable neighborhood of S. Grandview Ave. In addition, she was easily recognizable, as she always was dressed to the nines!

Another female A.A. pioneer was Sandy M. She was the GSR of the Women's Monday Discussion Group at Mercy in 1975. She was remembered somewhat of a “free-spirit” from California. Sadly, she perished in an automobile crash as she courageously shielded a child from the impact. The child survived.

From the early 1980s, was a woman member named Kay H. (1938–2005). She was one of the first female DCMs of District 11 serving in 1985–86. Later, she relocated to Iowa City to work as a nurse at the VA Hospital.



[Women in AA - Pamphlet](#)

The latest updates



Mini Conference 2022 Wrap-Up Report:

We would like to say thank you for allowing us to Co-Chair this year's Mini-Conference. The Mini-Conference committee also extends its gratitude to everyone that helped set up and cleaned up. To everyone that jumped to help at lunch, helped serve the food and to the Banquet Chef and his Team. Plus, those that set up tables and put together the decorations, and to all that helped with the raffle and to those that shared raffle gifts to be raffled off. Also, to all who set up the display tables for the Service Chairs' displays and to all the dessert-makers who made the dinner so special. We are especially grateful to all who came to the Mini-Conference. Once again, we had a great day of recovery, unity, and service. We had something like around 101 in attendance

Also, a big thank you for the Church, we had to use the sound system and a kitchen too. It also worked out well with having raffle outside lobby, keeping the noise from being heard in room, where panels took place, along with coffee and pop and water outside of the kitchen so everyone had good access to it. There were enough rooms for Al-Anon down one side of the hallway. The classrooms were not open to us, because of COVID-19 rules. We had the panels in the large room, where we plan on lunch and dinner, with the speakers, It worked out okay. When they came in for the talks, everyone took a place and used the same place the rest of the day. I'm working on the S.O. P to add to the Raffle Committee Chair. It seems to be growing leaps and bounds. Helps offset a lot of the cost for the conference.

Yours in service,
The Mini-Conference Co-Chairs, Gail,
Carol, Shannon



DCM Jeff P Announced the New Years Eve party and brought a motion to provide seed money for the event. The motion passed. It will be held at Trinity Catholic Church, Dubuque. Go to DubuqueAA.org to view and download the flyer.

Alternate DCM, Patti P, has been busy working on fixing the GSO AA Meeting app, which started producing duplicate listings of the meetings held at Intergroup. Change forms were submitted to the Area 24 Alternate Delegate, Julie S, to update GSO, so the Meeting app won't confuse people with the duplicate meetings listed with 2 different addresses. Hopefully this will be updated with GSO soon.

Archivist Jeff M has retained some photos of the Intergroup move to the new site.

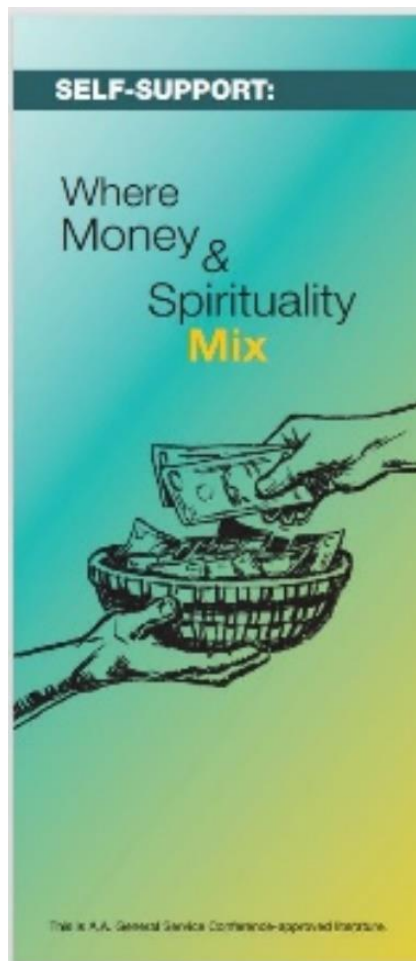
CPC Carol K is tying up loose ends and working to transition in the new CPC. In the meantime, she is still distributing pamphlets.

P.I. Curtis R reflected on how the process of working with P.I developed slowly over time. The position has a lot of moving parts, and he offered encouragement for the incoming P.I. Chair.

Corrections/Treatment and Accessibilities Team Lead, Carol K, reported Jail Meetings and Bridges are going strong between Turning Point, Liberty, and Hillcrest treatment centers. She explained that the kids at Hillcrest really enjoy these meetings.

The New 2023 Incoming District 11 Officers and Chairs are as follows: Marc R, DCM, Gail G, Alternate DCM, Brad H, Archives, Carol K, Treatment and Accessibilities, Alicia M, Corrections, Terry M, Treasurer, Curtis R, CPC. P.I. is pending a Group Conscience.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2023 DISTRICT 11
OFFICERS AND CHAIRS!**



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[Where Your Contributions Are Applied](#)

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 New York, NY 10116-2407

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 Des Moines, Iowa 50305

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 1646 Asbury Road, Suite #7
 Dubuque, Iowa 52002

Send Pink Can Contributions to:
 Pink Can
 PO Box 1045
 Marion, Iowa 52302

Send District 11 Contributions to:
 District 11 Treasurer
 PO Box 1264
 Dubuque, Iowa 52004-1264

Our 7th Tradition:

“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions”

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District 11 serves the following communities:

Bellevue

Cascade

Delhi

Dubuque

Dyersville

Elizabeth, IL

Epworth

Galena, IL

Manchester

Maquoketa

Peosta



From the Editors

Dubuque Area Intergroups' website, DubuqueAA.org, hosts District 11 AA News, Events and AA Meeting Schedules. Thank you Dubuque Area Intergroup!

We invite the District 11 Fellowship to submit articles, art or photos related to their recovery that emphasize their experience, strength and hope for the still suffering alcoholic. We especially invite GSR's to submit articles describing their homegroups and their activities. Articles need to be limited to 250 words.

Summaries of the District GSR Business Meetings and Chair reports will be edited for brevity. Original, full Chair reports are recorded and emailed within the business meeting minutes. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list to receive the District 11 monthly GSR Business Meeting minutes in full, please email your request to:

dist11adcm@gmail.com

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